

KASSON PARK BOARD MINUTES JANUARY 21, 2020 DRAFT

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a meeting of the Kasson Park Board was duly held at Kasson City Hall on the 21st day of January, 2020 at 6:00 P.M.

THE FOLLOWING PARK BOARD MEMBERS WERE PRESENT: Dan Egglar, Chuck Coleman, Liza Larsen, Janet Sinning and Roger Franke

THE FOLLOWING WERE ABSENT: Jason Farnsworth, Greg Kuball and Deputy Clerk Jan Naig

ALSO PRESENT: Parks & Rec Supervisor Ron Unger and City Administrator Timothy Ibisch

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Chairperson Larsen.

Timothy Ibisch, new City Administrator, was introduced to the members of the Park Board.

II. Approve minutes: Motion by Egglar and second by Franke, with all voting Aye, to approve the minutes of the December 2019 meeting.

III. New Business:

A. Select chairperson for 2020. Larsen indicated she would be willing to continue as Chairperson for another year.

Motion by Sinning and second by Coleman, with all voting Aye, to select Larsen as Chairperson for 2020.

B. Set wages for 2020 K.A.C. employees. Unger interviewed seasonal employee candidates in December. He now has between 60 and 65 who will be hired to work at the Aquatic Center in 2020. The State mandated minimum wage is up 14 cents so all positions will see an increase.

Motion by Coleman and second by Franke, with all voting Aye, to pay the following hourly wages in 2020: concession workers/crossing guards at \$10.00, lifeguards at \$10.75, WSI's at \$11.75, supervisors at \$13.50 and manager at \$18.24.

C. Hire K.A.C. manager/supervisors/head lifeguards. Unger talked about the candidates that were interviewed in December for these positions.

Motion by Egglar and second by Franke, with all voting Aye, to hire the individuals as recommended by Unger for the 2020 season: Josh Mitchell as manager, Abby Tjosaas, Jared Johnson, Grace Worden, Christine Farnberg and Madelyn Larsen as supervisors, Destiny Anderson and Brody Hegge as head lifeguards.

- D. Tree maintenance.** City crews will be working on tree maintenance through March, as time permits. There are 30 trees on the removal list and 25 trees on the tree trimming list. There are 109 boulevard ash trees to be removed over the next three years as part of the E.A.B. Management Program. Unger reminded the Board that after the boulevard ash trees are removed, the City will need to deal with ash trees on private property.

IV. Old Business:

- A. Update on stone wall in Veterans Memorial Park.** There was some discussion about the funding process and work that needs to be done on the old stone wall. Ibisch talked about the possibility of pursuing a Legacy Grant from the State to help with the cost of repairs. There would need to be commitment from the residents of the community before this option could be acted upon. There was discussion about checking into the condition of the structure with the City's engineer. More time to preserve it would be required since getting approved for State funding would take time.
- B. Tree City USA update.** Unger has submitted the application for our Tree City USA designation. He briefly talked about the information that is required to receive the designation.

V. Correspondence:

Unger has received a request from the Lions Club to place a bench with a plaque in Lions Park in honor of Pete Peterson. He will work with them on the type of bench that can be placed in the Park. It will be a minimal cost to the City to install it.

Unger has received a \$500.00 donation from KMGSA to show their appreciation for the field use and field maintenance costs.

Coleman asked about the Ice Arena. Unger indicated that 2019 was close to a "break-even" year. The Council is aware that some equipment changes will need to be made in the near future. The cost of purchasing Freon versus the cost to change out the equipment will need to be considered.

- VI. Adjourn:** Motion by Egler and second by Coleman, with all voting Aye, to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 P.M.

Chairperson

Deputy Clerk

The next scheduled meeting will be February 18th.